

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 4-9 and leaves claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11.

The following is in response to the October 31, 2006 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse invention Group I, claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11 is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 4-9 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 4-9 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record. The cancellation of claims 4-9 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 4-9 in a divisional application being filed on even date herewith.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.43016X00).

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